



# Mile End News Update

## Members' Committee Newsletter

### July 2014



#### Captain's Day 2014

By popular consent this year's Captain's Day was an outstanding success. The course was in excellent condition and a large entry meant that good scores would be needed to secure the prizes. With 44 points Neal Tucker (pictured left) was the winner of the main competition, whilst in the 14 hole ladies competition Pat Kenyon (also pictured left) needed 33 points to claim 1st place. A well-stocked halfway house was appreciated by all. The Captain's guests enjoyed an excellent meal whilst tea was served to the ladies.

After the presentations had been made, members took the opportunity to enjoy a convivial evening in the bar. A combination of a day spent in the sun followed by some over ambitious drink choices meant that some members were feeling a little under par by the time the curtain was brought down at 1.00am, and not everyone made the journey home with their full complement of footwear!

#### Society of Shropshire and Herefordshire Golf Club Captains

Mile End past captains have been flying the club flag proudly in the County Captains Society this year. Fred Crouch was a convincing winner of the Spring meeting held at Oswestry G.C. whilst Ken Hayman won the nearest the pin in 2 shots prize. Alan Kerr dominated the main competition at the Summer meeting with an outstanding gross score of 76 on the demanding championship course at Royal St. Davids, Harlech. Gordon Jamieson was a winner in the morning 'warm-up' event and with 'twos' and other spot prizes the club table at the presentation dinner attracted much attention. The Autumn meeting will be held at Sapey Golf Club in Herefordshire. Stuart Russell is rumoured to be targeting this event, and the betting has just begun, but even the current odds of 1000 to 1 are failing to attract many punters.

#### Mile End Golf Club Events

Men's Invitation—Saturday 19th July

Ladies Invitation—Monday 28th July

Mixed Open—Wednesday 20th August

Tee times still available for  
the above events.

Your support would be very welcome.

#### New Flag Indication System



White Flag—on the back third of the green



Yellow Flag—on the middle third of the green



Red Flag—on the front third of the green



## Pace of Play

Slow play continues to be a feature of too many Mile End competitions. Various factors seem to be at play making it difficult to identify possible solutions. Some players seem oblivious to what is happening around them whilst a small number appear to have a "I'm enjoying myself, \*\*\*\* the rest" mentality. It is hoped the problem created by the former group which comprises the greater number of members can be addressed through education. This will make it easier to identify and deal with those in need of an attitudinal change.

Unfortunately, definitions of slow play are hard to come by. Courses are of different lengths, some have little rough and other fairways available for wayward shots whilst others are much 'tighter' with severe rough. Bad weather can add a few minutes to a round. Nevertheless, at Mile End, after some discussion, the members' committee have suggested that the following timings for a round should be regarded as the norm:-

**2 ball—3 hours. 3 ball— 3 hours 30 minutes. 4 ball—4 hours.**

Additionally, each month in the newsletter one contributory factor to slow play will be featured and all members are asked to avoid it personally and 'nudge' any other person in their group guilty of it. July's 'don't do' is arriving at the next tee with the 'honour' and then spending time marking the card before driving off. This may only take 20 seconds but 18 of those adds 6 minutes to the round!

**By Ron Pugh**

### **Current shop offers**

**Ladies summer clothing  
Buy one get one free**

**Taylormade 'Jet Speed' Driver**

**Was £229 now £179**

**Ping G25 Woods**

**Were £249 now £199**

### News from the Head Greenkeeper

Sod's Law dictated that the irrigation system broke down during the first warm and dry period this year. £3,000 later I am pleased to report that it is functioning again. Drainage work will begin shortly in an attempt to address the problem on the 8th hole to the right of the fairway near the 100 yds marker. Weather permitting top dressing will take place on July 10th and additional bunker sand that is on order will be distributed upon arrival.

## Recent Results

**Captain's Day Winner:** Neal Tucker, 2nd Hayden Price, 3rd Carl Woosnam.

**Captain's Day Ladies Comp Winner;** Pat Kenyon, 2nd Carol Slater, 3rd Anne Bailey

**Over 55's Trophy:** Winner Janet Bennet, 2nd John Turner, 3rd Janice Turner

**Over 70's Trophy:** Winner Keith Humphreys, 2nd Mike Eastwood, 3rd Noel Rogers.

**Neil Garret Pairs:** Winners Grant Edwards & John Bradford, 2nd Darren Roberts & Trevor Rowlands, 3rd Gavin Wright & Scott Harris

### **June Stableford**

**Div 1** 1st Jake Moreton, 2nd Kenton Cawley, 3rd Keiran Parry

**Div 2** 1st Helen Cawley, 2nd Ken McBrien, 3rd Keith Evans

**Div 3** 1st Bryan Jones, 2nd Ben Hunter, 3rd Andrew Meddins

### **Ladies June Medal**

**Div 1** 1st Di Bradbury, 2nd Janice Turner, 3rd Sue Robson

**Div 2** 1st Linda Walsh, 2nd Carol Slater, 3rd Janet Edwards

### **Seniors June Medal**

**Div 1** 1st Phil Trow, 2nd Roger Edwards, 3rd Allan Kerr

**Div 2** 1st Phillip Lee, 2nd John Bradford, 3rd John Burndred

**Div 3** 1st Ron Wilkinson, 2nd Richard Bowen, 3rd Reg Lewis

### **Seniors Championship**

Nett Winner Phil Trow, Gross Winner Allan Kerr

**Ladies Walker Bowl** Winners Barbara Brain & Beccie Jones, Runners up Janet Bennett & Sheila Russell

### **June Medal**

**Div 1** 1st Ben Hampson, 2nd James Thornell, 3rd John Barry

**Div 2** 1st Jeremy Rose, 2nd Dave Smith, 3rd Carl Woosnam

**Div 3** 1st Tony Cartwright, 2nd Hayden Price, 3rd Noel Rogers